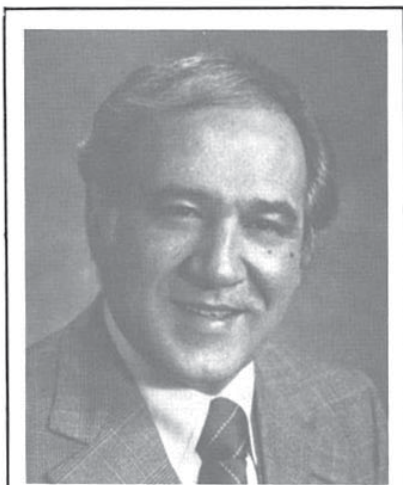


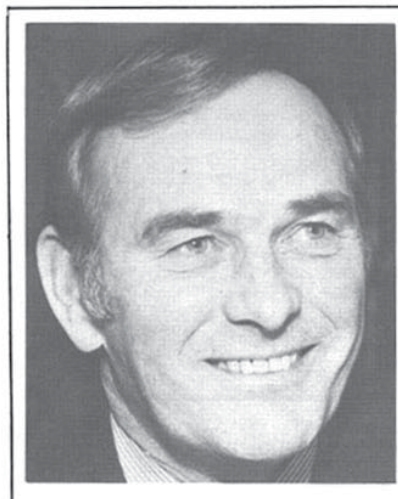
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**JOHN A. BAGNARIOL**  
**Democratic Speaker of The House**

John A. Bagnariol (Democrat) who is currently serving as the Democratic Speaker, has represented South King County since 1967. He has previously held various leadership positions in the House of Representatives. Rep. Bagnariol served two terms as Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee prior to assuming the office of Speaker of the House in 1977. He resides in Renton, Washington where he owns and operates his own insurance agency.

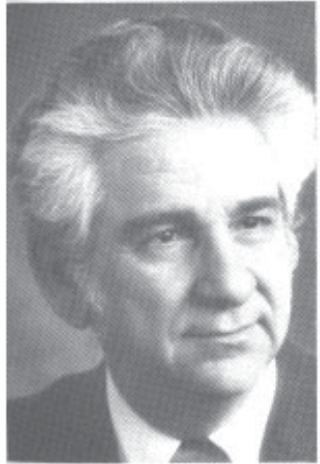
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**DUANE L. BERENTSON**  
**Republican Speaker of The House**

Duane L. Berentson, serving his ninth term in the House of Representatives, is the first Republican Speaker since 1972. First elected to the Legislature from the 40th Legislative District (Skagit, Whatcom and San Juan Counties) in 1961. Rep. Berentson has served the House in various leadership capacities including Chairman of the House Transportation Committee, Member of Rules and Minority Leader. Born in 1928 in Anacortes, he is a Graduate of Pacific Lutheran University and makes his living in the securities business. Speaker Berentson and his wife Joanne have five children and reside in Burlington.

## 1979 Co-Chief Clerks



**CHIECHI, VITO T. (Republican).** Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives. Public Affairs Staff Executive and Consultant with over 30 years experience in the public and private sectors in local-, state- and federal government relations. Former Executive Assistant to the Speaker of the House, 1973-76. Born in 1925 in Seattle, hold a degree in Finance from Seattle University. Vito and his wife Dolores have nine children and live in Olympia.



**FOSTER, DEAN R. (Democrat)** Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives serving his fourth term. Worked as an employee in the Senate from 1959-1965 and in the House in 1972. Born in 1941 in Yakima. Attended Western Washington State College and graduated from University with a degree in Political Science. Served in the United States Air Force as an Intelligence Officer. He has three sons, David, Mike and Scott.



When the electric roll call machine is used, the members shall be given one and one-half minutes to vote. This time limitation may be waived by a majority vote of the members elected before the vote is commenced.

#### RULE A-6. HOUSE ADMINISTRATION

All vouchers for payrolls and expenses of the house shall be signed by both co-chief clerks.

All supplies for the use of the house shall be furnished upon requisitions signed by both co-chief clerks.

#### MOTION

Mr. Bagnariol moved adoption of House Floor Resolution No. 79-1.

Representatives Bagnariol and Berentson spoke in favor of the resolution, and it was adopted.

#### ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The Chief Clerk declared nominations for Speaker of the House to be in order.

Mr. King: "Those of us who are meeting today survived what was in many instances a bitter election campaign that resulted in equal membership in Democratic and Republican caucuses. In reacting to this unprecedented situation there are some who have predicted that we will not be successful in our attempts to put aside differences and accomplish the task of making policy for our state. But we are committed to making it work. After long hours of negotiation we who are in Olympia today in the House of Representatives are already organized. This is somewhat remarkable compared to the experience of other states with similar situations where problems of organization have gone unresolved well into their respective legislative sessions. The man we have selected to be the Democratic Speaker under our carefully negotiated organizational agreement is initially qualified to work with members of both parties with the accomplishment of our important responsibilities. He possesses a background in both labor and management; has a reputation of being fair and intelligent in all of his dealings. He knows that in the eyes of the people we are not Republicans or Democrats, we are first and foremost Americans and citizens of the State of Washington. He has demonstrated his statesmanship throughout his tenure as a State Representative and as Speaker of the House of Representatives. His leadership capabilities have been more in evidence during the long and arduous process of negotiating organizational decisions leading up to this opening day of the session. I am pleased to place in nomination the name of John Bagnariol for the office of Democratic Speaker."

Mr. Polk: "It is indeed my distinct honor and privilege to stand here today and place in nomination the honorable Duane Berentson of the 40th Legislative District. Duane has brought to this House unique personal qualities and brings us some unique experiences in his background."

Certainly much has been said and much more is going to be said about the circumstances we find ourselves in today with this tied situation, and it only makes good sense in that kind of a situation to turn to people with experience and real quality background in this legislature. Duane has been here sixteen years, which he assures me is most of his adult life. When you read the committees he has served on, it's a litany of all the committees virtually in the legislature. He has served as Chairman; he's served as assistant floor leader; he's served as our minority leader—as some of you on the other side have been painfully aware of during the past two years. Duane knows the legislature. He's been dedicated, well-schooled and knowledgeable. I can think of no one in this legislature who has more skill as a legislator, who is more knowledgeable or is a finer individual. Personally there is no one here for whom I have more respect. Therefore I am pleased to commit to you for your vote the honorable Duane Berentson for Speaker of the House."

#### ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll for election of Speaker of the House and Representative Bagnariol was elected Democratic Speaker and Representative Berentson was elected Republican Speaker by the following vote:

Those voting for Mr. Bagnariol were: Representatives Adams, Bagnariol, Bauer, Becker, Bender, Brekke, Brown, Burns, Charnley, Douthwaite, Ehlers, Eng, Erak, Erickson, Gallagher, Galloway, Garrett,



Granlund, Grimm, Gruger, Heck, Hughes, Hurley, Jovanovich, Keller, King, Knowles, Kreidler, Lux, Martinis, Maxie, May, McCormick, Monohon, Nelson (D), North, O'Brien, Owen, Pruitt, Salatino, Scott, Sherman, Smith (R), Sommers, Thompson, Valle, Vrooman, Walk, Warnke.

Those voting for Mr. Berentson were: Representatives Addison, Amen, Barnes, Barr, Berentson, Blair, Bond, Chandler, Clayton, Craswell, Dawson, Deccio, Dunlap, Eberle, Fancher, Flanagan, Fuller, Greengo, Haley, Hastings, Houchen, Isaacson, McDonald, McGinnis, Mitchell, Nelson (G.A.), Newhouse, Nisbet, Oliver, Patterson, Polk, Rohrbach, Rosbach, Sanders, Schmitten, Smith (C), Sprague, Struthers, Tally, Taylor, Teutsch, Tilly, Tupper, Van Dyken, Whiteside, Williams, Wilson, Winsley, Zimmerman.

The Chief Clerk appointed Representatives Bauer, King, Polk and Patterson to escort Representatives Bagnariol and Berentson to the rostrum. Chief Justice Utter administered the oath of office to the Speakers.

Speaker Bagnariol: "I would like at this time to introduce my family up in the gallery. My children, mother—the whole ball of wax up there. A few years ago when I was elected Speaker I had more people in the gallery, but thank God some of the kids have gone to work. My mother didn't realize there were Republicans until this tie situation occurred.

"We have a tedious session before us. We've pledged cooperation with each other and I'm sure that we can be statesmen all of us and do our jobs. We have some very important issues to face this year, and as you are all aware, each of those issues are going to be compromised, discussed—a lot of dialogue to finally come to what will be the best decisions for this state. I pledge you all my cooperation and support. I want to welcome you, each and every one of you—even the forty-nine Republicans who did not vote for me. Thank you."

Speaker Berentson: "I would like to introduce some members of my family. My very patient wife, Joanne; my daughter, Karen; my mother, Martha; and my father, Mariam Berentson. He's the fellow who taught me how to drive.

"Fellow members of the Forty-sixth Legislature, we are today entering into yet another phase of the ongoing process of self-government. That process involves all of the citizens of the State of Washington. Although the circumstances under which we will be operating are truly unique, we think the challenge we face today is truly no different than the challenge that has faced many men and women who have served here in this body over the past ninety years. That challenge is really to insure the success of representative government of the state and those of us who serve in the House of Representatives, I think, should be mindful now that we are representing, along with the Senate, better than three and a half million people in this state. Our political philosophies may differ, our approaches to solving problems may be diverse, but I think we all share in common the responsibility to serve the people we represent both diligently and selflessly.

"We come here for the most part to write law and policy and we are also writing history incidentally. We hope to achieve perfection, but I think it is our responsibility to consciously try to do our best and less than that is just not acceptable. We can be certain that history will record our failures as well as our successes and perhaps even more so with the unique situation in which we find ourselves. I think we all know that the situation we face is going to be a frustrating one—it's a very slow and arduous task that we face and sometimes we wonder if it will really work at all. Somehow it does work and I find that the political process over the years I have served can bring out not only the worst in us on occasion, but the very best in us also.

"During these past few weeks of the transition period, Speaker Bagnariol and I and some of our leadership team have spent a lot of time together. We have learned to disagree quite pleasantly with each other and I'm sure that will continue in the future. Perhaps even more important than that is the fact that we have also learned to respect each other. I'd like to leave you with just one thought: If we are to work together we must respect each other and particularly if the work we do here is to gain the respect of our fellow citizens."

Speaker Bagnariol: "I would like to point out just a few similarities—we purposely wore suits that were very close to being the same; we both wear the same kind of glasses. Duane and I are both salesmen; we both drive reddish-brown Lincolns—his is a little faster than mine. We're going to work well together."

Speaker Berentson assumed the Chair.

#### ELECTION OF CHIEF CLERK

Speaker Berentson declared nominations for Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives were now in order.

Mr. Thompson: "It's a great pleasure for me to place in nomination for the office of Co-Chief Clerk, our friend, Dean Foster. When Dean was first elected as Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives in 1973 he was the youngest Chief Clerk in the United States, by the end of this biennium he may be the oldest. Dean has grown up in this House of Representatives to the extent you would say any of us are grown up around here. He began as a bill clerk in the Senate in 1959 even before he was out of high school in Carnation. Following high school in Carnation he went to the University of Washington, Western Washington and got a degree in political science at the University of Washington. He went into the Army Air Force for five years and obtained the rank of Captain in Air Force Intelligence. I would like to emphasize that—we can use all the intelligence we can get around here right now. Dean came from the military back to his life here in the legislature and was serving in the Chief Clerk's office in a minor role during that last period in the minority. Since 1973 he has served in a very distinguished fashion as Chief Clerk of the Washington State House of Representatives and has gained a national reputation as well as the respect and affection of us all. Dean will be a very important ingredient in the success of the work that lies ahead for us. He brings a true concern for the success of this institution that I know we all share as well as a great deal of patience, efficiency and at times even agility. It is a great pleasure for me to urge that you elect Dean R. Foster as Co-Chief Clerk."

Mr. Patterson: "It's my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Vito T. Chiechi for the position of Co-Chief Clerk for the Washington House of Representatives. Mr. Chiechi brings to this body great knowledge of the legislative process having served as executive assistant to the Speaker of this House a few years ago. He's been in and around the government for over twenty years. He has gained a keen insight into Washington government and the legislative process. Along with his knowledge of the legislative process, his management skills are well known on both sides of this aisle. The job of Chief Clerk is difficult at best, but it will take someone of Vito's experience, talent and tenacity to take up the delicate challenge of being Co-Chief Clerk for us. I am confident that Vito's background will enable him to serve this legislature well and probably more important, the citizens of the State of Washington will be well-served by Mr. Chiechi's election as Co-Chief Clerk. It is indeed a pleasure for me to present his name to you."

#### MOTION

On motion of Mr. King, the nominations for Chief Clerk were closed.

#### ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll for the office of Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and Dean R. Foster and Vito T. Chiechi were elected Co-Chief Clerks by the following vote:

Those voting for Mr. Foster were: Representatives Adams, Bagnariol, Bauer, Becker, Bender, Brekke, Brown, Burns, Charnley, Douthwaite, Ehlers, Eng, Erak, Erickson, Gallagher, Galloway, Garrett, Granlund, Grimm, Gruger, Heck, Hughes, Hurley, Jovanovich, Keller, King, Knowles, Kreidler, Lux, Martinis, Maxie, May, McCormick, Monohon, Nelson (D), North, O'Brien, Owen, Pruitt, Salatino, Scott, Sherman, Smith (R), Sommers, Thompson, Valle, Vrooman, Walk, Warnke.

Those voting for Mr. Chiechi were: Representatives Addison, Amen, Barnes, Barr, Berentson, Blair, Bond, Chandler, Clayton, Craswell, Dawson, Deccio, Dunlap, Eberle, Fancher, Flanagan, Fuller, Greengo, Haley, Hastings, Houchen, Isaacson, McDonald, McGinnis, Mitchell, Nelson (G.A.), Newhouse, Nisbet, Oliver, Patterson, Polk, Rohrbach, Rosbach, Sanders, Schmitten, Smith (C), Sprague, Struthers, Tally, Taylor, Teutsch, Tilly, Tupper, Van Dyken, Whiteside, Williams, Wilson, Winsley, Zimmerman.

Speaker Berentson appointed Representatives Deccio and Thompson to escort Dean R. Foster and Vito T. Chiechi to the rostrum. Chief Justice Utter administered the oath of office to the Chief Clerks.

#### RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 79-2, by Representatives Polk and King:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Speakers appoint a committee of four members of the House to notify the Senate that the House of Representatives is now organized and ready for business.

On motion of Mr. Polk, House Resolution No. 79-2 was adopted.

Speaker Berentson appointed Representatives Dunlap, Gallagher, May and Tilly to notify the Senate that the House was organized and ready for business.

The committee retired.